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For : PIPERIDINE-AMINO-BENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES AS
INHIBITORS OF RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS
REPLICATION

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ELECTION

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2007. The Examiner has required restriction among 3 groups. The request is traversed in light of the fact that the PCT found unity of invention. Nonetheless, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-16 drawn to derivatives of benzimidazol-2-amine ring system. For search purposes, Applicants elect the following species which reads upon the elected Group: Compound No. 1 as shown in Table 1 in the Specification at pages 28-29.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/TIP-0052USPCT/AGK.

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